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D^r M Parker Bellerive

Dear Sir

Please excuse me in delaying. So long I have been very busy building a Ketchon for Mrs Chris R. but am now free from urgent work there are good Crops here this season and stock look well, you wish to know about the ship we come out on, it was the Williamsburgh direct from Hamburg to Hobart Town. it took 120 days there was sickness on board 6 of the crew died the strongest men, after crossing the line, the Dr advised the Captain to get into colder latitudes so he sailed south till could see Icebergs from the lookout and kept so till south of Tasmania then direct to Storm Bay there were 44 deaths who was buried at sea, German Captain & Crew there were about 780 persons on board was the largest ship that went up the Derwent, great numbers of people come to see that large ship, Waterloo Point. In the 1820 settlers come here to make Homes for themselves so the Government sent a man here with soldiers and prison men to work, the man in charge was Captain Hepburn, a man I never seen he is great grandfather to Cyrell Young who lives here now, He settled on the Point in camp with his men & soldiers to protect the settlers, he had all trees cut down close to the ground the stumps was no higher than a jam tin. I remember seeing some of the stumps

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Several more
died in
Hospital

Half rotten and grass growing on part of them every tree
 from the Point to C Bank in a line to the boarding House near
 the Church then to the upper end of Saltwater Creek to the
 Old Bridge where the Fisherman Mr Ford is living, every
 Tree gum peppermint wattle Cherry honeysuckle the Oak
 scrub and Booballows was felled down and told looked
 a sad sight, one of the men who helped he had been in
 the Battle of Waterloo he told the Foreman it put him in
 mind of field where he seen the slain lay after the
 Battle of Waterloo, Then the Captain Flepburn burned it
 Waterloo Point, Boobyallows & Cherry never grew, after then
 all was burnt of so it was quite clear to their Camp so no
 bushrangers nor blacks could creep on to the Camp then he
 had a jail built ^{Police Office} and quarters for men and soldiers also a
 school ^{I went} to it Mr & Mrs Callis were the teachers also
 quarters for Police, the late Mr John Meredith told me the
 above, he was the first white male Child born in 1825
 I was told by Mrs Radford she was Mr J. Buxton's
 Daughter, her mother ^{Mrs Buxton} nursed Mrs J. Meredith in child birth
 yes Schouten House was Swansea Hotel when we come out
 here and stayed there one night kept by Lewis, my Father &
 mother Mrs Dilger C Dilger's mother, Christina W Glunn's
 mother, Mary Mrs Macdon who now living at wattle hill
 forell, my Brother W J Rapp, & myself, my sister Elizabeth
 who lived and died at Seymour was born here, Great
 Swansport is the Swan Bays & outlet to sea at Buckley's
 the late Mr J. Buxton he owned Mayfield I only saw him a
 few times when he come to Swansea, he died in 1865

Mrs Buxton died in 1864 later the place was sold Mr
 John Mitchell of Liddellon bought it, ¹⁸⁶⁶ then a sale of stock
 and implements was made, Mr J. A. Graham was the auctioneer
 the last sale he held, Captain J. Buxton owned vessel named
 the Dancing Wave he came over from New Zealand to attend
 his Father's sale, when he started to return to N.Z. he sailed
 up from ^{Mayfield} one dark night as he turned Waterloo Point and got
 a clear view of the light over the Pier Hotel door he fired
 about 6 or 7 shots at the light 1 bullet went whizzing along the
 road one struck the tines under the steps one knocked out a
 piece of brick near the light brickdust and crumbs fell on
 Mr P. Miller's head then he lost no time to get in a place of safety
 he declared it was not safe on the tines, other bullets went over
 the house, next morning he sailed for N.Z. as the vessel
 started to head off he fired 5 or 6 shots into the Cottage you
 owned at the corner the board with bullets marks were removed
 before you bought it he must have been drunk, no doubt he
 was a good shot from the Hotel to end of Point is a half mile
 then another $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to vessel long distance, yes Mr Graham
 held a free school in one room now the bar in Chappels Hotel
 Teacher Mr E. Hickens Stationery & slates & ink all free for
 8 months, Mr Maynard he was the first master in the new
 school now Institute only about 2 or 3 years, he also introduced
 Cricket playing and got up a match between Cranbrook and
 Swansea it was handy and convenient for him to go there as
 he used to see his sweethearts there everything went well
 the first match I seen at Swansea with Cranbrook I seen
 one of the team a very tall man commonly called Long John he
 wore long boots high enough to cover his knees, the only man I ever seen

(4) at Cricket playing

In long knee boots, all bowling was underhand no round arm. you could see the ball hopping along quite slowly now it is different, they send the ball with full might, I believe it is dangerous to the Batman, yes Mr. T. Buxton he employed 2 Sawyers to saw material for that old Kitchen about 30 from Mayfield house now overgrown with Ivy they were sawing near the Beach opposite Christmas Island, one day they did not come to dinner as usual so Mr. Buxton compelled Mr. Buxton to see why they did not, on getting to the sawpit he found the 2 men lying dead they had been speared to death by the blacks, they had to be buried so they were laid to rest where the Mayfield cemetery is, later on a little son of Mr. Buxton died he was buried near the 2 men, then he gave one acre land and Road to it from the main Road for the above purpose, also he built a Flourmill in 1837 the then owner of Lidillon entered a Law suit for taking the water from the river and flooding it into the Salt water when it left the waterwheel Mr. B. lost the case had to pay all expences and the Millrace was proclaimed the boundary of the 2 properties previous the river was the boundary, also a workman got killed with a 4 horse roundabout machine he was crushed to death and buried there, and another Mrs. Henry Fyke she was killed when the Cart went down off the Road at Rocky Hills 1892. I have not had a chance to look up the Cedar wood but will do so after I completed the Woolpress I have now in hand half finished.

Mr. Parker Please do excuse me for keeping you waiting so long, If you wish to know any more Please let me know and only too pleased to do so, and will try to be more prompt.
Wishing you and Mrs. Parker and Family Well
Together with a Happy Christmas and a good new year
Yours Respectfully
Frederick Kapp